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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF AN EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN NOV 17  
ISSUE OF THE STAR, UNDER THE HEADING USA AND THE ILO:

2. BEGIN TEXT: CARRYING OUT ITS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FORMALLY GIVEN  
TWO YEARS AGO, THE U.S.A. HAS NOW LEFT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGA-  
NIZATION, A MOVE WHICH HAS IMMEDIATELY CAUSED THE I.L.O. TO CUT ITS  
AID PROGRAMMES BY 19 PERCENT AND ABOLISH 543 JOBS. THIS IS A SAD  
DIMINISHING OF ONE OF THE OLDEST OF ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.  
FOUNDED IN 1919 THE I.L.O. WAS AFFILIATED TO THE UN TED NATIONS IN  
QORYM ITS AIMS ARE THE IMPROVEMENT OF LABOUR AND LIVING CONDITIONS  
AND THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STABILITY. SUCH THINGS  
DO NOT MAKE BIG NEWS AS MAY AN ACTION OF THE U.N. IN ENFORCING  
PEACE (IF ONLY FOR A TIME) IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, BUT THE OBJECTS  
ARE VERY MUCH WORTHWHILE.

FOR SOME TIME THE POLITICIZATION OF THE ILO HAS BEEN GROWING. IN  
1974 THE ARAB BLOCK, ALONG WITH THE AFRICAN STES AND BACKED BY  
THE SOVIET SUPPORTERS, USED THE ILO TO CONDEMN STRONGLY THE TREAT-  
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MENT BY ISRAEL OF ARAB WORKERS IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.  
THEN LAST YEAR AN INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE REJECTED A RESO-  
LUTION PUT FORWARD BY THE USA DESIGNED TO CARRY OUT INVESTIGATIONS  
BEFORE ACCEPTING MOTIONS ATTACKING MEMBER STATES. THIS WAS DONE  
BY A COALITION OF THE SOVIET BLOCK, THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND A NUMBER  
OF DICTATORSHIPS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT FACTS WERE NOT AS IMPORTANT  
AS BEATING A POLITICAL DRUM.

THE USA HAS NOW DECIDED THAT IT HAS HAD ENOUGH OF THIS SORT OF THING  
AND HAS DECIDED TO GET OUT. INCIDENTALLY THE SAME THING MAY WELL  
HAPPEN ONE DAY TO UNESCO. BUT THERE IS A LESSON FOR JAMAICA HERE.  
COUNTRIES WHICH NEED FOREIGN AID, FOREIGN INVESTMENT CANNOT CONTINUE  
TO ABUSE THE USA AND AT THE SAME TIME HOLD OUT THEIR GRASPING HANDS.  
NOTHING WILL BE PUT INTO THEM IF THAT CONTINUES. AND CAN ONE BLAME  
THE U.S.A.? END TEXT.  
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